



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

*Safeguarding
Hoosiers by
Planning,
Preparing and
Responding*

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Hoosiers Need to Know New Fireworks Laws, Use Fireworks Safely on July 4

The IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety has worked actively to educate the law enforcement and fire service sectors about Indiana's new fireworks laws and their enforcement. Outreach efforts by the division included a session held in May at the Indiana State Fairgrounds that more than 100 firefighters and law enforcement officers from around the state attended. The session included presentations by State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson and other staff from the IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety.

Following is an overview of the changes in Indiana's fireworks laws, penalties for violating the laws, and general fireworks safety tips. This information is also available on IDHS' website for easy reprinting by [clicking here](#).



Above: State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson discusses changes in Indiana's fireworks law with representatives from law enforcement and fire services.

How have Indiana's fireworks laws changed?

- In addition to Section 8(a) fireworks (i.e. sparklers, ground spinners, cone fountains, wheels, cylindrical fountains), consumer fireworks (i.e. bottle rockets, roman candles and fire crackers) are legal to discharge in the state.

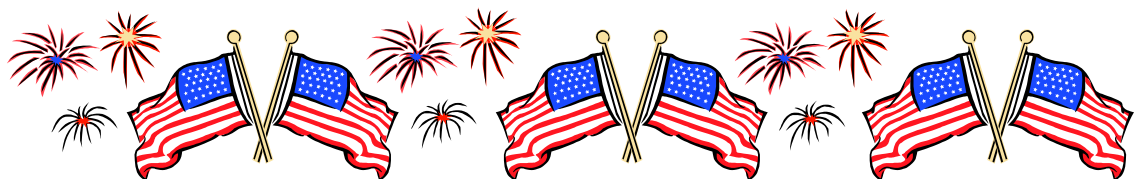
- Only individuals 18 years of age or older may purchase fireworks.

- Anyone under the age of 18 may possess or use a firework only in the presence of an adult.

- On Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day and New Year's Eve, fireworks may be discharged from 9am to 12am. Any other day of the year, fireworks may be discharged from 9am to 11pm.

- Fireworks may be discharged only on your property, the property of someone who has granted you permission to discharge fireworks, or at special discharge locations.
- Fireworks retailers must have a permit from the Indiana State Fire Marshal to sell consumer fireworks.

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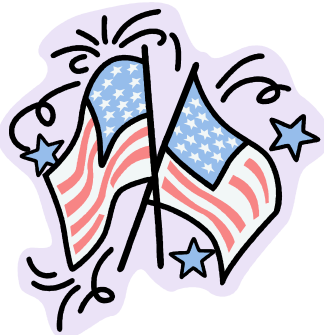
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- All fireworks retail locations must undergo an inspection by either a representative of the Indiana State Fire Marshal or the local fire department.
- The five-percent public safety fee now assessed on the sale of fireworks funds the Indiana Disaster Relief Fund and the Indiana Firefighter Training System.

What are the penalties for violating Indiana's fireworks laws?

- A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks at a site other than: a) a special discharge location; b) the property of the person; or c) the property of another who has given permission to use the consumer fireworks; commits a Class C infraction that may result in a fine of up to \$500 per infraction.
 - On the second violation within five (5) years, the person commits a Class C misdemeanor, an offense punishable by imprisonment of not more than 60 days and a fine of not more than \$500.
- A person less than eighteen (18) years of age who possesses or uses a firework when an adult is not present and responsible at the location commits a Class C infraction that may result in a fine of up to \$500 per infraction.
 - On the second violation within five (5) years, the person commits a delinquent act under IC-31-37.

- A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks: a) after 11:00 p.m., except on a holiday or December 31, on which dates consumer fireworks may not be ignited, discharged, or used after midnight; or b) before 9 a.m. commits a Class C infraction that may result in a fine of up to \$500 per infraction.
 - On the second violation within 5 years the person commits a Class C misdemeanor, an offense punishable by imprisonment of not more than 60 days and a fine of not more than \$500.



- A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation causes harm to the property of a person commits a Class A misdemeanor, an offense punishable by imprisonment for up to one (1) year and a fine not to exceed \$5,000.
- A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in serious bodily injury to a person commits a Class D felony, an offense

punishable by imprisonment for from six (6) months to three (3) years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

- A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in the death of a person commits a Class C felony, an offense punishable by imprisonment from two (2) to eight (8) years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.
- A person who knowingly or intentionally fails to collect or remit to the State of Indiana the public safety fee due commits a Class D felony, an offense punishable by imprisonment for from six (6) months to three (3) years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Fireworks Safety Tips:

- Never let children handle, play with, or light any fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from the reach of children.
- Always purchase your fireworks from reliable, licensed fireworks dealers.
- Use in a clear, open area. Keep audience a safe distance away from the shooting site.
- Safety glasses are recommended for those individuals lighting the fireworks or those in close proximity to the fireworks.
- Do not alter any fireworks device or make your own fireworks.

- Light only one firework item at a time.
- Never attempt to re-light, alter or fix any "dud" firework item.
- Have a fire extinguisher, water supply, hose or bucket of water nearby.
- Be cautious of lighting any fireworks during strong wind conditions and light fireworks with prevailing wind blowing away from the spectators.
- Never smoke when handling fireworks.
- Do not use alcohol with fireworks.
- Never aim, point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Use fireworks outdoors, never indoors

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June EMA Spotlight...

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

Edward Rock is the Director of the Kosciusko County Emergency Management Agency. Prior to accepting his current position in 2003, Ed worked as the Safety/Security coordinator for R.R. Donnelley, the world's largest gravure printing facility, where he started an Emergency Response Team. He also served as town board member for the Town of Mentone for seven years and as a volunteer firefighter for 23 years with Mentone Fire Department. Ed acquired training as a Hazardous Materials Technician and Instructor I / II and holds numerous fire service, hazardous materials, terrorism, EMS, and EMA certifications. He served as a reserve member of the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department,

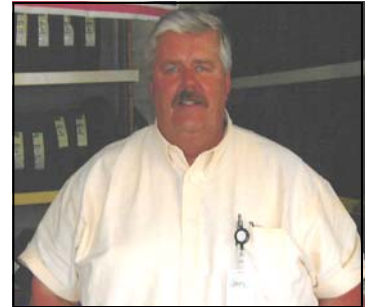
obtaining the rank of Lieutenant and is currently a member of the Indiana Emergency Response Commission's Communications Sub-Committee. Ed is also a member of the Steering Committee for Homeland Security District 2, which is working to establish an organizational system to incorporate all disciplines involved in emergency response.

Kosciusko County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to:
 - ♦ Purchase Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for the county sheriff's department.
 - ♦ Purchase and station three disaster response trailers throughout the

the county for large incident response.

- ♦ Purchase communications, personal protective equipment, and decontamination equipment for the county's HazMat Team.
- ♦ Purchase air monitoring equipment.
- Implemented the initial phase of interoperability of the 800 MHZ radio network within the county. Implemented a county-wide identification card, personnel database and large incident computerized accountability system of first responders and essential personnel.
- Revitalized the county's radiological program and completed Kosciusko County's formal recognition and adoption of NIMS.



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- Currently working with the Indiana Guard Reserve to redefine their mission towards disaster response not only in Kosciusko County but across Indiana.

LA PORTE COUNTY

Paul Young is the Director of the LaPorte County Emergency Management Agency. Paul accepted the position as the part-time director in 2001. Paul currently serves on several local planning committees, including the LaPorte County Communications Committee, LaPorte County Comprehensive Exercise Committee, the LaPorte County Pandemic Flu Committee, and serves as chair of Homeland Security District 1's planning council. He attributes part of the EMA's success to his close working relationship with the agency's executive assistant, Jennifer Payne,

and with Michigan City's EMA Director, John Jones.

LaPorte County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to:
 - ♦ Create the county's first Communications Protocol and eliminate interoperable communication issues in the county by purchasing 800 MHZ radios and an ACU -1000.
- The county formally recognized and adopted NIMS and is working towards full compliance.
- Created a Comprehensive Exercise Program for LaPorte County, which incorporates not only

emergency responders, but volunteer agencies, private businesses, governmental agencies and industry.

- Worked to prepare and mitigate against natural disasters by installing additional severe weather sirens in the county, in addition to working with the National Weather Service in the installation of a weather tower which sends weather broadcasts to a 75 mile radius.
- Working to place all hazards alert radios in places of large gatherings such as schools, malls, and movie theaters throughout the county.



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Planning: The Foundation for Indiana Preparedness

The mission of IDHS is the prevention, protection against, response to and recovery from any human caused or natural threat against the people and property of Indiana. This is a tall order.

Indiana is the "Crossroads of America" with 90 percent of the U.S. population living within a day's drive of our state. In addition, Indiana maintains and sustains a vibrant industrial base that directly impacts national economic interests, routinely hosts national and international entertainment events, maintains two international ports and a Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, not to mention the several world-class universities within our borders. As a result, in order to accomplish our vast and complex homeland security mission, IDHS must rely heavily on close collaborations and partnerships with our citizens, local governments and private entities throughout the state.

The key element to create the detailed coordination necessary to satisfy our diverse homeland security needs is "Planning". More specifically, IDHS must develop plans at the strategic, operational and tactical levels for Indiana to be prepared for any adverse human caused or natural event.

Planning is the foundation for developing our training

programs, conducting exercises, executing response programs, and drives our equipment procurement and staffing levels. Not one of these individual programs or actions can be properly executed without a plan in place as the centerpiece for which to tie together all of our preparedness functions.

Earlier this year, IDHS published Indiana's first-ever *Indiana Strategic Plan for Homeland Security*. This plan focuses on eight focus areas that include:

Teamwork
Planning and Risk Analysis
Protection
Outreach and Engagement
Training and Exercises
Response
Medical Support
Economic Security

These focus areas are the cornerstone for all planning we do at the state level and guide planning and training priorities, grant allocations and day-to-day operations. Endorsed by various agencies and associations at the state and local level, Indiana's strategic plan serves to guide all public safety policy making, compliment other statewide strategic goals, and satisfy all federal mandates. IDHS encourages everyone to revisit this plan periodically to remain familiar with our statewide goals and direction.

Indiana's *operational* plans (OPLANs) are the primary

planning focus at the state level. These are the plans that the state must be prepared to act upon in support of a county level, district level, or statewide event.

In 2004, U.S. DHS published 15 National Planning Scenarios for use in federal, state and local homeland security preparedness activities. These scenarios represent the full spectrum of potential terrorist attacks and natural disasters that face our nation. Because of the excessive time and resources necessary to develop fully these plans, IDHS condensed these 15 scenarios into five priority plan areas that address the chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear, explosive and natural event aspects of all 15 federal scenarios.

Additionally, IDHS' OPLANs are developed through collaboration with members of our state Homeland Security Team (HST). HST includes several state agencies such as the State Department of Health, Department of Natural Resources, State Police, the Board of Animal Health, Department of Environmental Management, and the National Guard. Therefore, IDHS is making every effort to ensure OPLAN development takes into consideration all disciplines engaged at the district/county levels in the event Indiana faces a natural or human caused disaster.

Finally, and most importantly, is the development of effective *tactical* plans at our district and county levels. More than likely, a natural or human caused event will occur within the confines of a single county or district. Therefore, our statewide strategic plan, or even the state OPLAN that addresses the event, will do little to react effectively to the threat within a county or district unless a strong tactical plan is in place, has been exercised with all disciplines and coordinated with all neighboring jurisdictions. State-level OPLANs allow for maximum flexibility to those district/county first responders who ultimately execute the plan, and IDHS looks forward to working to ensure our local partners receive the fastest and most efficient state support possible.

Again, homeland security within Indiana is a tall order. Our state has an invaluable amount of economic, natural and intellectual resources within our borders that can only be protected by teamwork between our federal, state and local partners.

Teamwork is and must be the first tenant in Indiana's strategic plan. Planning, however, is the foundation to pull everything together to synchronize efforts to safeguard our fellow Hoosiers, their property and way of life.

Pan Flu Planning Update

Earlier this month, all county Emergency Management Agency (EMA) directors received a request from IDHS to draft a Pandemic Influenza (pan flu) Annex to their County Emergency Plan (CEMP). IDHS provided the EMA directors with a plan template designed for use at the county level and

expressed a goal of completing a draft pan flu plan for each of the state's 92 counties no later than August 30, 2006.

The IDHS provided template will help facilitate collaboration within counties. Additionally, IDHS will soon forward guidance that addresses all 15 of the state Emergency Support Functions (ESFs).

IDHS intends for the county

draft plans compliment the overall State Pan Flu Plan, which it published a draft of earlier this month. The draft plan takes under consideration three critical phases expected to occur in the event of a pandemic: 1) Discovery of avian/animal influenza; 2) Transmission of avian/animal influenza to humans; and 3) Easy transmission of influenza between humans. These three phases are also critical to the development of the counties plans.

Questions regarding local planning for pan flu? Contact your respective IDHS Homeland Security District Field Coordinator: Bill Foley, Senior Homeland Security Planner at (317) 234-4467 or bfoley@dhs.in.gov; Ron Saunders, Homeland Security Planner at (317) 234-4468 or rsaunders@dhs.in.gov; or, Larry Copley, Local Support Branch Chief at (317) 234-2744 or lcopley@dhs.in.gov.

Learn more about avian influenza and pandemic influenza at www.fluinfo.in.gov.

IDHS' Public Assistance Section: Helping Hoosier Communities Recover

Following a disaster, communities can find it difficult to ascertain where to begin the recovery process. Although a community may not quickly forget its losses, the IDHS Division of Emergency Response's Public Assistance Section can help alleviate the hardships faced by local governments and certain non-profits following a Presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency.

The FEMA Public Assistance (PA) program, administered by the Public Assistance Section, aids local government and certain non-profits that offer an essential government service and are open to the public, such as educational institutions and utilities. The program offers financial assistance for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure to pre-disaster conditions.

The PA program is a reimbursable grant program. The federal share of assistance will cover 75 percent of the eligible costs while the local entity must cover 25 percent of the associated costs.



Above: Damage resulting from the November 6, 2005 tornado that struck Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

Assessing Damage Post-Disaster

Following a natural disaster, a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) by representatives from FEMA, IDHS and local government helps determine the need for a Presidential declaration or a major

disaster or emergency. In addition to identifying any unmet needs, a PDA can determine if the situation is beyond the capabilities of state and local government and damage cost estimates, factors essential in awarding a Presidential declaration.

Meeting with Applicants, Helping Them through the Process

In an effort to help make the process go smoothly, IDHS Public Assistance Section staff conducts educational outreach work on the PA program process throughout the year to educate community leaders prior to an event. However, after the announcement of a Presidential declaration, the section staff conducts meetings with potential applicants to inform them of the assistance available and the application process. In addition, a staff member is also located at the Joint Field Office established following a disaster where they are co-located with a FEMA representative to help communities with the PA program process.

Eligible reimbursable expenses through the PA program fall into seven categories:

Debris Removal - By far, the largest amount of PA program funds are for debris removal. This includes removal of tree limbs or other debris that may pose a threat to the public if not removed.

Emergency Protective Measures - Expenses in this category include items such as overtime for emergency response costs.

Road Systems - Damage to roads or bridges caused by the disaster fall under this category.

Water Control Facilities - This category includes damages to levees or dams as the result of the disaster.



Above: Thanks to funds from the PA program, Wabash County was able to repair this bridged damaged by flooding.

Public Buildings and Equipment - Buildings such as municipal government facilities or schools and equipment such as municipal government vehicles fall under this category.

Public Utilities - Damage to local sewer or municipal/cooperative owned utilities are an example of an eligible expense under this category.

Parks, Recreational and Other - Seeding to minimize sediment runoff and repair of park structure are examples of eligible expenses under this category.

The IDHS Public Assistance Section serves as the liaison between FEMA and the local applicant throughout the PA program process. To initiate the grant process, applicants must submit a Request for Public Assistance form within 30 days of the date of the Presidential declaration to IDHS. In addition, the IDHS Public Assistance Section works closely with PA program applicants to help document damage, identify eligible expenses, and estimate associated costs.

The section also submits the applicants grant application to FEMA and administers the grant funds award on behalf of applicants.

Aid to Indiana

Between 2000 and 2004, the State of Indiana received over \$50 million in Public

Assistance grant funds. Additionally, recent disasters highlight just how important the work of the IDHS Public Assistance Section is to Indiana. Applicants in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties received, to date, over \$2 million for debris removal and protective measures following the devastating tornado last November. One of Indiana's most costly natural disasters, the ice storm and flooding in early 2005, resulted in applicants within the State of Indiana receiving over \$18 million, to date, from the PA program.

The IDHS Public Assistance Section Team...of Two!

Although the PA program awards might be large in numbers, only a few staff members are behind the scenes to secure assistance for Indiana. Two dedicated professionals, Rosemary Petersen (below left) the Public Assistance Program Director and Carla Perkins (below right) the Public Assistance Program Coordinator, manage all the work and funds associated with the PA program. Many Indiana communities are grateful for the huge impact this small team makes.



For more information on the Public Assistance Program, contact Rosemary Petersen, at 317-233-6507 or rpetersen@dhs.in.gov.

Additional information on the Public Assistance Program is available at:

- www.in.gov/dhs/response/public_assistance/pa.html
- www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/index.shtm

EMS Commission Votes to Add Pulse Oximeter Use to Curriculum

During their May meeting, the EMS Commission accepted the recommendation of the Education Committee and voted in favor of adding a training module to Indiana's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) curriculum on pulse oximeter use. EMTs already certified are not required to receive an update. However, it is the responsibility of EMS providers to insure training on the device to their affiliated

personnel. In addition, providers still need to send in notice of medical director approval of the training and confirmation of the training.

A pulse oximeter measures how much oxygen the blood is carrying in a non-invasive manner by placing a probe on a finger, toe or ear lobe. A lower oxygen saturation rate may indicate bleeding or lung problems.



For more information on the EMS Commission, contact Sherrie Crain, EMS Section Director, IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety, at 317-232-6788 or scrain@dhs.in.gov.

NIMS Corner...

Visit the NIMS ALERT page at www.fema.gov/nims/

Question: "What constitutes 'full NIMS implementation' or 'full NIMS compliance' in FY2007, starting October 1, 2006? We've seen that phrase used in NIMS documents, but we can't find a specific description of what it means. Is it just completion of the activities begun in FY2005, or is it something more than that? What is 'full NIMS implementation' supposed to look like at the state, local and tribal government levels."

Answer: Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007, which starts on October 1, 2006, federal preparedness funding will be conditioned upon full compliance with NIMS. Local and tribal jurisdictions will achieve what is considered full NIMS implementation by completing the FFY 2006 activities outlined in the Local/Tribal matrix, which is located on the NIMS website at www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/. *This includes the completion of the National Incident Management Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMCAST) by all designated first responder agencies.*

Question: "Are school districts required to be NIMS compliant? Has there been

any clarification as to the need for public school district personnel to take any NIMS courses?"

Answer: In order to receive FFY 2007 federal preparedness funds, a school district must require the appropriate personnel take the IS-700 NIMS introductory course by September 30, 2006. However, all school districts might find it beneficial for any staff and teachers likely involved in an emergency situation to take the IS-700 NIMS introductory course, should the need arise.

School districts are not traditional response organizations but are an integral part of any community. In addition, they are recipients of first responder services provided by fire and rescue, emergency medical and law enforcement agencies. In acknowledgement of this relationship, school districts should come under consideration within an integrated local government plan for NIMS compliance. Additionally, school district participation in local government's NIMS preparedness program is essential to ensure first responder services delivered to schools is timely and effective.

Question: "What do elected and appointed officials need to do in connection with NIMS implementation?"

Answer: Elected and appointed officials have a very important role to play in the NIMS implementation process and that is **leadership**. The benefit of NIMS is most evident at the local level, when a community as a whole prepares for and provides an integrated response to an incident. Chief elected and appointed officials need to be involved in all aspects of NIMS implementation to include the following:

- Elected officials who are directly involved in emergency operations must have IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction, ICS-100 and ICS-200. Otherwise, at the minimum, local chief elected and appointed officials should complete IS-700. All these courses are available at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>.
- Adopt NIMS at the community level for all government departments and agencies and encourage NIMS adoption and use by associations, utilities, non-government organizations and the private sector.

- All of the NIMS command and management systems (ICS, multi-agency coordination systems and public information systems) require the direct involvement of chief elected and appointed officials in a community during emergencies/disasters.
- NIMS requires all emergency plans and Standard Operating Procedures to incorporate NIMS components, principles and policies, to include emergency planning, training, response, exercises, equipment, evaluation, and corrective actions. Chief elected and appointed officials in a community need to be directly involved in these NIMS preparedness elements, especially the elements dealing with exercising community emergency management policies, plans, procedures and resources.
- This includes the completion of the NIMCAST (National Incident Management Capability Assessment Support Tool) by all designated first responder agencies.*

For more information on NIMS, contact David Barrabee, Homeland Security Planner, IDHS Division of Planning, at 317-233-6116 or dbarrabee@dhs.in.gov.

Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Update

IDHS is excited to announce the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation is active again. Although the name is different, the changes in the Foundation's structure are minor and its primary focus remains meeting critical public safety needs at the local level. IDHS encourages all local public safety organizations to apply for funding for projects such as the purchase of personal protective equipment, other safety related equipment, and training for emergency responders.

At the Foundation's June meeting, it successfully adopted the new bylaws and established the Foundation Project Committee. The Project Committee will meet July 18 to review all current Foundation grant requests and prepare to make recommendations for the approval or denial of these grant requests.

The next Foundation Meeting will take place in late July. Please check the IDHS website for the time, date and location www.in.gov/serv/eventcal?PF=dhs&Clst=82.

In addition to its review of current grant requests, the Foundation is working to establish a college scholarship program for students enrolled in an accredited Indiana college. The scholarships will recognize outstanding students who volunteer their time serving with a public safety organization, such as a fire department, emergency medical services provider or emergency management agency. The proposed program will award a scholarship to one student from each of Indiana's ten Homeland Security Districts. Approval of this program is an agenda item at the next Foundation meeting. Look for further details in upcoming issues of *The Hoosier Responder*.



For more information on the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation, contact Dolly Watkins, Council Coordinator, IDHS Division of Planning, at 317-233-4477 or dwatkins@dhs.in.gov.

A NIMS Helping Hand at IDHS...

Kimberly Bentley is a new intern at IDHS who will work with David Barrabee on NIMCAST county compliance. She is currently working to complete her Masters of Public Health Degree through Indiana University and the NIMCAST project is her Final Concentration Project. Kimberly is a graduate of Ivy Tech State College (AS - Respiratory Care), Ball State University (BS - Biology) and Purdue (MS - Biology). Currently, she is contacting all the counties for a status report on the NIMCAST and assisting with technical issues.

Please welcome to IDHS...

Bill Foley, Senior Homeland Security Planner
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Arkansas-Indiana Weekend at National Fire Academy

Indiana will share its annual National Fire Academy weekend this year with Arkansas. Scheduled for September 30 and October 1 this year, the weekend offers fire and emergency service personnel from both states to participate in classes offered by either state.

Indiana classes offered this year includes:

- Emergency Response to Terrorism: Tactical Considerations: Company Officer
- NIMS-Incident Command System for Emergency Medical Services
- NIMS-Incident Command System for the Fire Service
- Executive Skills Series: Influencing
- Fire Prevention for High Risk Populations: Age and Disability Factors
- Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist: Train-the-Trainer

Arkansas classes offered this year includes:

- Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic Considerations for Command Officers
- Cooperative Leadership Issues in Wild and Urban Interface Operations
- Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. The cost for participants is \$110 for those who drive to the National Fire Academy. For \$140, participants may ride a chartered bus to the academy that will depart on September 29.

Interested individuals may obtain a registration form by visiting www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/emcourses. Please print out a copy, fill it out and return it, with a check made payable to IDHS, to: IDHS, Division of Training, 302 W. Washington Street, Room E208, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Registration deadline is August 24, 2006.

For more information the Arkansas-Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy, contact Jim Schneider, Fire Training Manager, IDHS Division of Training, at 317-232-2447 or jlschneider@dhs.in.gov.



Announcements

- To register to **receive *The Hoosier Responder* via e-mail** [CLICK HERE](#). Beginning with the September issue of *The Hoosier Responder*, IDHS will solely use the distribution listed created by e-mails submitted to this website. Over the next few months, we will continue to send out the newsletter via current IDHS e-mail distribution lists. As a result, you may receive duplicate copies after registering your e-mail address at the above website. We respectfully request your patience as we build our distribution list.
- Check out some of the following homeland security related websites:
 - 2006 National Hurricane Operations Plan
www.ofcm.gov/nhop/06/nhop06.htm
 - EPA Hurricanes Web Page
www.epa.gov/hurricanes/
 - U.S. DHS Pets and Emergencies Preparedness Brochure
www.ready.gov/america/pets.html
 - AARP Research Report on Hurricane Katrina Lessons Learned
www.aarp.org/research/assistance/lowincome/better.html
 - MyFireCommunity.net Site Re-launched
www.wildfirelessons.net/documents/New_MyFireCommunity.pdf
 - HelpinDisaster.org
www.helpindisaster.org/
 - U.S. Department of Interior Emergency Management
www.doi.gov/emergency/
 - Fact Sheet: CDC Makes Preparedness a Priority
www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/fs060519.htm



Check out IDHS Division of Training's calendar for all training opportunities at: www.in.gov/dhs/training



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Mark Your Calendar!



June 27-29

National CSEPP Workshop
(Indianapolis)

June 28

EMA Directors Conference Call

June 29

Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards/
Educations
(Indianapolis)

July 6

Fire & Building Safety Commission Meeting
(Indianapolis)

July 10

IERC Meeting
(South Bend)

July 12

Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board
Meeting
(Indianapolis)

July 21

EMS Commission Meeting
(Indianapolis)

July 26

EMA Directors Conference Call

August 7

Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards/
Educations
(Indianapolis)

August 21-23

Indiana Fire Investigators Conference
(Indianapolis)

August 30

EMA Directors Conference Call

September 18

Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards/
Educations
(Camp Atterbury)

September 27

EMA Directors Conference Call